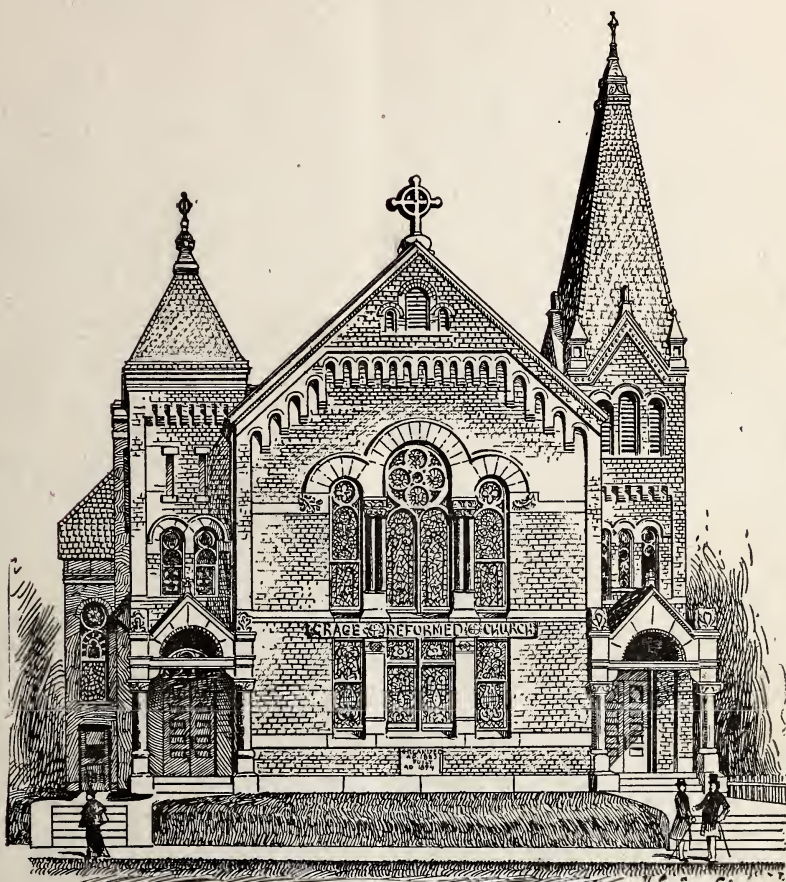


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Thanksgiving dinner at the church,
November 26. Get ready for it.

ENTERTAINMENT by the Magnolia
Quartette Tuesday evening, November 17.
Admission 10 cents.

THE attendance at our fall communion,
October 11, was very large, and we had a
delightful service. Our next communion
will be about the first of January.

RECENT accessions to the church: Mrs.
Herr, John M. Kochnein, Edward Gros-
jean, Mrs. Martha Grosjean, John S. Wa-
ters, Mrs. Della Waters. We are glad to
welcome these new members into Grace
Church. Let us "receive them in the
Lord as becomes the saints," and make
them feel at home with us.

TO BEAULAH LAND.

Sabbath Evening Sermons at the Grace
Reformed Church by the Pastor, Rev.
A. K. Zartman, on Bunyan's Pilgrim's
Progress.—Illustrated with Large Paint-
ings.—Topics.

Nov. 15.—Leaving the City of Destruction.

- 1 Pilgrim telling family of his sad plight.
- 2 Directed by Evangelist to the Wicket-gate.
- 3 Leaving home amid ridicule.

Nov. 22.—Hindrances in the Flight:

- 1 Overtaken by Pliable and Obstinate.
- 2 In the Slough of Despond.
- 3 Astray at Mount Sinai.

Nov. 29.—Entering the Straight Gate.

- 1 Assailed by darts—seeking admission.
- 2 First scene in the house of Interpreter.
- 3 Fire that water cannot quench.

Dec. 6.—Coming to the Cross.

- 1 Before the cross. The burden rolling off.
- 2 Met by the three shining ones.
- 3 Two men climbing over the wall.

Dec. 13.—The Hill Difficulty.

- 1 Asleep in arbor on the hillside.
- 2 Affrighted men running down hill.
- 3 Pilgrim meets the chained lions.

Dec. 20.—The Palace Beautiful

- 1 The welcome within.
- 2 The outlook from the top.
- 3 Clad with the whole armor.

Dec. 27.—Passing Through the Dark Valley.

- 1 Conflicts with Apollyon.
- 2 Walking through the dark valley.
- 3 Emerging into light.

Jan. 4.—The town of Vanity Fair.

- 1 Stir made by their passing through.
- 2 The trial of Faithful.
- 3 The martyrdom.

Jan. 11.—Beacon Lights by the Way.

- 1 Hill Lucre and its ruins.
- 2 Monument of Lot's wife.
- 3 Cheering light from the river of God.

Jan. 18.—Doubting Castle.

- 1 Turning into By-path meadow.
- 2 Within Doubting Castle.
- 3 Wonderful escape.

Jan. 25.—The Delectable Mountains.

- 1 Human wrecks at foot of Mount Caution.
- 2 Caught in a net.
- 3 The Atheist's return.

Feb. 2.—The Beulah Land.

- 1 Views from Beulah Land.
- 2 Crossing the river.
- 3 The sad fate of Ignorance.

ENTERTAINMENT for everybody Tuesday evening, November 17. Admission for children and adults, 10 cents.

WE hope all families will take their dinners on Thanksgiving Day at the church. Bring your friends and neighbors with you.

THE pastor and wife spent a few days with Mrs. Zartman's parents, at Canton, Ohio, at the close of the meeting of Synod, at Louisville. Canton was in the midst of the whirl of political enthusiasm then. We noticed that a large number of the ministers and elders who attended Synod made it convenient to stop off long enough at Canton to visit the McKinley residence.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

There are quite a number of parents and adults of the church who are not connected with the Sabbath school, and never attend any of its sessions. It is possible that some cannot attend the Sabbath school; others might in all probability if the proper effort would be made. For the benefit of those who cannot come we intend to organize a Home Department of the Sabbath school. The object of this department is to interest the entire church in the Sabbath school and it is hoped that when properly interested many of the parents will frequently find their way into the regular sessions of the school. Those belonging to the Home Department will be furnished with Lesson Quarterlies and they will be expected to devote one-half hour each week to the study of the lesson, and they will be given an opportunity to contribute to the school along with the scholars who attend the regular sessions. We wish all who are willing to enter the Home Department would report to the pastor at any of our Sabbath services and at the close of some Sabbath morning service we will have a meeting of the members of this department and elect its officers.

At the Sabbath school on Sabbath morning the pastor will have a class for adults, who will attend the school regularly and for all who may come to the school from the Home Department. We hope this class may have a very large attendance. The pastor will do all he can to interest the class in the study of the lesson.

DEPARTED.

Weep not; she is not dead, but sleepeth. Luke 8, 52.

Upon swift and noiseless wings the unseen messenger of the Lord has again been among us upon his sad errand of death. The hand that never fails to execute its work has plucked another of earth's beautiful flowers, and transplanted it into the garden above

"Where ever lasting Spring abides
And never withering flowers."

A beloved friend and sister in the church has departed; an only daughter and sister in the family circle has gone to join the company of friends already on the other side; an affectionate and devoted wife and mother has said "Good night" to her husband and two little ones and has gone to the "Home Beyond," where in "some sweet day by and by" she will greet them again.

Ada S., wife of Harry A. Keplinger, peacefully passed away at the home, on West Creighton avenue, Wednesday afternoon, September 30. She had been ill for only a little more than two weeks and until within a few moments of her death, we were sanguine in our hope that her life would be spared, and that she might soon be restored again to health and strength. In our sympathy for the family in their affliction and in our anxiety that she might be spared to them and the church, it may be presumed that we were not able to know the critical condition in which she had been for some days prior to her death. But when death is clearly foreshadowed

Sister of Mrs. H. Keplinger

we are never ready to part with our friends and we cling to hope till they are gone. In the death of our friend and sister we are again admonished of the fact that "in the midst of life we are in death."

Mrs. Keplinger was kind, affectionate and amiable in heart and disposition. She had a very large circle of friends and acquaintances and was loved and highly esteemed by all. She was very warmly attached to her friends and family. Her home was the center of her interest and affection. Here with her husband and two little daughters she was happy and contented. Her constant aim was to make home cheerful and attractive, and here she will be missed the most. Every where in the home there is a sad, sad vacancy. She was received into membership with the Grace Reformed church about nine months ago by letter from the English Lutheran church, of this city. She was very much interested in the welfare of the church and was constantly growing in her love and attachment for the Lord and his cause. We regret very much that the church must lose one in whom we had placed so much hope and whose life was so full of promise. We shall miss her from our services and our fellowship, but we rejoice in the assurance that while she is no longer with the church here, she has gone to be one in the great assembly in heaven. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Gumpfer, born May 2, A. D. 1866, married to Harry A. Keplinger June 15, 1886. She was aged 30 years, 4 months and 28 days. She leaves to sorrow her early departure her husband, two little daughters, her mother and two brothers—one little son had preceded her to the heavenly home some two years ago. Friends are lingering with us here, but many have already gone and pitched their tents on the sunlit hills of heaven. It will only be a few days more and we shall join them there and abide with them forever more.

The funeral services were held on Friday afternoon, October 2, from the house, after which the remains were borne to the Lindenwood cemetery, where they were laid away to rest in peace until the morning of the resurrection. "Weep not," friends, "she is not dead, but sleepeth."

"There is no death! What seems so is
transition.

This life of mortal breath
Is but a suburb of the life elysian
Whose portals we call death."

"There is no death! The stars go down
To rise upon some fairer shore,
And bright in heaven's jeweled crown
They shine forever more."

How beautiful are these words of the poet. There is no death. What we call death is only a passing over the threshold from this life into the "life elysian." And this is the comfort and assurance the Master gives. "She is not dead, but sleepeth." The body has gone to rest, the spirit to God, and in that latter day the body will come forth again and be clothed with immortality. Our burdens and sorrows sometimes almost seem more than we shall be able to bear, but through Jesus Christ we are sufficient for all things, and He will bear us up and comfort us. May He comfort and sustain our brother and the little ones, the mother and brothers in their sore bereavement, and keep them in perfect love and faith in the Lord "Unto the end and 'by and by' bring them all to the home on the other side.

Sleep on beloved, sleep—and take thy rest.
Lay down thy head upon thy Saviour's breast.
We love thee well, but Jesus loved thee best.
Good Night.

Calm is thy slumber; as an infant sleep.
But thou shalt wake no more to toil and weep.
Thine is a perfect rest, secure and deep,
Good Night,

Until the shadows from this earth are cast;
Until he gathers his sheaves in Heaven at last;
Until the twilight gloom be ever past,
Good Night.

Only 'good night' beloved, not farewell.
A little while and all His saints shall dwell
In hallowed union indivisible
Good Night.

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If you are not in the Sabbath school you should come and join the pastor's class. This class ought to have fifty adults.

MR. AND MRS. F. D. PALUS and Father Bolander were at our fall communion service. They came on Saturday and remained over Sunday. It seemed quite natural to see them at the services again.

MRS. WARNER, from Carey, Ohio, has been visiting friends in the city. She is a sister of Mrs. Sarah Weickert, who has returned with Mrs. Warner to spend several weeks in Ohio.

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OUR HUNGARIAN WORK.

Our Hungarian work is now an important factor in the work of Home Missions and one that is well paying for the cultivation. No other field has been so rich in fruitage for the limited number of men and the means employed. The field is truly ripe for the harvest. We see the name Hungarian so often unfavorably mentioned in the daily papers that prejudice has become very strong against them, and the church has been slow to realize the importance of the work. But occasionally one is surprised to see notices of such loyalty as was mentioned at the time of the death of the judicious, unselfish and liberty-loving "Louis Kossuth" when it was said "his countrymen manifested such a demonstration as the world has rarely seen," and yet all agree they paid the dead patriot no more than his due. Another was an account of a meeting held at Pittsburg last May, celebrating the 1,000th anniversary of the Hungarian government. The features of the occasion were flag dedications and patriotic addresses. The Hungarians turned out from surrounding places en mass, and proved their patriotism. A pretty feature of the occasion was the driving of nails into the flag staves typifying love of mother country and adherence to the land of their adoption. Hungarian airs mingled with the national airs of our own country. At the banquet which followed such toasts as these were offered: "Our Country (Hungary) and King," "The United States and Its President" and "Gospel Liberty."

In this country, as in Europe, most of the Hungarians are Roman Catholics, but the Protestants among them are almost all Reformed, a few being Lutherans. The Protestants dearly love the Reformed Church. Repeated overtures have been made to them by Episcopalians and Congregational churches to

give them missionaries if they would organize themselves into congregations and unite with them, but to such propositions they have constantly said "no." They would not forsake the church of their fathers and they would worship without ministers until Reformed ministers could be sent them from Hungary, or until they could be raised up from among themselves in this country. Most of those known in this country as Hungarians are not Hungarians but Slavs, and greatly outnumbering the Hungarians. Slavonia is only politically connected with Hungary, and the Magyar or Hungarian is a nobler type of man than the Slav. Most of the Protestants among the Slavs are Lutherans, while the Protestants among the Hungarians are Reformed. In the uprisings throughout the country they are all classed as Hungarians and have been condemned as being ignorant and excitable. But a few years ago it was thought by those who had the best opportunity of knowing, that if some suitable man of their own blood could come among them, a man interested in them and at the same time a man in sympathy with our republican institutions, he would gradually lead them to become assimilated into our body politic, and they would cease to be the tools of radical agitators. This the Board of Missions has endeavored to do. Of the six regular Hungarian ministers now laboring under the Board, five were ordained in Hungary and one at Bridgeport, Connecticut. Dr. J. H. Prugh in speaking of them says "they came to see me some months ago, and were a noble looking set of young ministers, strong physically, intellectual looking and young men of deep piety." The German Reformed people of Cleveland first called the attention of the Board of Home Missions to the large number of Reformed Hungarians in and about that city, the love they had for the Reformed Church and that they were

shepherdless. About the same time men of the same nationality found their way into Grace Church, Pittsburg.

They were invited to return, which they did each Sunday in increasing numbers. Mr. Prugh says, I found a few of them had command of a little of the English language and through them he learned of their great love for the Reformed Church and the hope they were cherishing that a minister might be sent them from Hungary who could preach to them in their native tongue. When Mr. Prugh laid before the Board of Home Missions the importance of doing something for those at Pittsburg, it felt that it could not undertake the work there at that time as Cleveland had the first claim. Correspondence was entered into with Reformed Ministers in Budapest, Hungary, and as the result Rev. Gustave Jurany was sent over and located at Cleveland. In the mean time the necessity of a man at Pittsburg increased and in six months after Mr. Jurany settled in Cleveland Rev. John Kovacks was brought over and stationed at Pittsburg. When he was first placed in charge of Mr. Prugh they were obliged to communicate by signs, but he at once set to work to master the English language. He is a wise and judicious man and a great lover of his countrymen. It was not long until he was appreciated by them. He organized a congregation in Pittsburg and they worshiped in Grace Church. From all parts of the country the Hungarians began writing to him and the circumstances seemed to be peculiarly favorable for the work and as time permitted he began making missionary tours through the country, where there were Hungarian settlements and soon had organized congregations at Pittsburg, Bradock, Homestead, Johnstown and several in the coke regions, also one at Pocahontas, Va., one at Mt. Carmel, Pa., an other at Trenton, New Jersey, another at New York City and

one each at Bridgeport and South Norwalk, Connecticut. He traveled day and night, putting forth the most earnest efforts. It was soon found necessary to give him an assistant, but the Board not having the funds, a Pittsburg friend gave his check for the first year's salary of a third missionary and Rev. Frank Ferenczi was brought over from Hungary.

The Pittsburg congregation grew so rapidly that it was soon found a church of their own was necessary. The Board not being able to render them aid, Messrs. Prugh and Kovacks undertook it themselves and though the Hungarians are all very poor they manifest a spirit of liberality greatly to their credit. They raised among themselves \$1,000 and from Grace congregation and other Pittsburg citizens the balance, and a church costing \$7,000 was built and paid for. Rev. Frank Ferenczi is now pastor at Pittsburg and is doing most excellent work. He is a fine organizer and has the confidence of his people to a marked degree. This people for the last year and a half have been paying into the treasury of the Home Mission Board \$150 quarterly. Rev. Alex Kalassay has the mission at Mt. Carmel, Pa.; Rev. Dorkus, who came to this country before he was ordained and at Bridgeport and Norwalk, Connecticut, at first conducted prayer meetings and read sermons, but has been their regular pastor for some time. This charge is now being divided and another minister will now be necessary. Rev. Demeter has the mission at New York City. At Mt. Carmel they built themselves a church before they had a pastor. In Cleveland they bought and built with a debt which they are now paying. In South Norwalk the congregation paid \$500 toward the church, having already paid for the lot and have signed an article of agreement to pay \$900 more within the next six years, and before signing they of their

own accord paid \$150. In October, 1894, Rev. Jurany resigned his position in Cleveland and took charge of a congregation at Trenton, New Jersey. Rev. Harsanyi took charge of the work in Cleveland and connected with it are congregations at Fairport, Toledo and Ash-tabula, making six regular missions, all of which preach in the language of the people.

The work the Reformed Church has done among these people in the past five years is something remarkable and very encouraging. Nothing like it is being done by any other denomination. The Hungarians who have come among us are all poor and most of them were in their own country farmers. They are attracted to our shores by the comparatively high wages offered, but the change of occupation is not to them a pleasant one, consequently a feeling of disappointment and unrest makes them an easy prey to the agitators of our day. They all pine for the country life again, and family after family throughout the United States, and many families in Hungary, implored Mr. Kovacks while at Pittsburg, to lead a colony either into our own far west or to Canada, for they would not go without a minister. Through some of his countrymen who had gone to Canada two years ago before the Canadian authorities wrote Mr. Kovacks offering to set aside two townships of land for his people and that free if he would establish there a colony of one hundred families. He made the trip to Canada two years ago at the expense of the Canadian government and found the land and climate similar to that of Hungary and the prospects of each family having a farm of 160 acres of land, and of building up a prosperous Reformed community led him to ask the Board to give him permission to plant the colony, and after careful consideration the Board did so. He left for his new field of labor in the spring of 1894 with about seventy fami-

lies of his people with him. During the last summer many families joined them from Hungary. The colony is planted near Assinaboia, along the Canadian Pacific railroad. Mr. Kovacks is a born leader of men, is a self sacrificing devoted missionary, practical, and sensible. Since there he reports doing such work as he deemed necessary in that new country. The members are scattered and he finds the work difficult, but when heard from last, some months ago, they had begun a large log church. His brethren and the people in Canada now support the Mission so that they no longer receive aid from our Board.

Our hope is that our effort will be the means of increasing your interest in these people and if you have any prejudice against them let it lead you to a more thorough investigation of them and their claim on our sympathy and assistance, and when you see the column on statistical blanks headed Hungarian, that means help from you for the mission field at hand. They are here by divine decree and will be future American citizens. When they are coming to us as members of our own house of faith let us not only receive them, but extend a helping hand to them along with our other work and it will with God's help certainly yield a rich reward.

MRS. GEO. F. BORIES.

MRS. C. C. GUMPPER has returned from her visit to Ohio, where she spent several weeks with her mother and other friends.

EVERY member of the church should hear the Sabbath morning sermons by the pastor on "The King's Palace, and How to enter."

MR. AND MRS. PERRY ARCHER have gone to Marietta, Georgia, to spend a few weeks with friends. They will no doubt have a pleasant visit in that "summer land."

BUDD WILLIAMS, of Wrightsville, Pa., spent a week with Mr. A. R. Hills and family the latter part of September. Mr. Williams is a nephew of Mrs. Hills.

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PRAYER MEETING TOPICS AND LEADERS.

Nov. 1. The blessedness of entire surrender to God. John 15: 1-10. A. K. Zartman.

Nov. 8. The most interesting thing I know about foreign missions. Acts 17: 16-31. Josephine Zartman.

Nov. 15. A good education: what it is and how to get it. Prov. 8: 1-11, 9: 9, 10. Mrs. Mabel Clayton.

Nov. 22. Some blessings often forgotten. Ps. 104: 1-35. (A Thanksgiving topic.) Frank Hills.

Nov. 29. How to get good out of our troubles. Ps. 27: 1-14. Lizzie Rudisil.

SERVICES on Thanksgiving morning at 10:30. Dinner at the church from 12 to 3 p. m.

CONSTANCE KEPLINGER has now fully recovered from her illness. We hope to see her in the Sabbath School soon again.

MRS. ZARTMAN and the pastor attended the meeting of the Ohio Synod held at Louisville, Ohio, October 14. There was a large attendance of delegates at the Synod as well as at the Woman's Missionary meeting. The usual routine of business was transacted, and the Synod closed its sessions on Saturday evening. While at Louisville we were very pleasantly entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Lee Warstler. They have a very pleasant home on North Mill street, and we enjoyed our stay with them very much. The people at Louisville are very hospitable and know how to entertain Synod. We shall always remember this meeting of the Synod as one of the most pleasant we ever attended.

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